

## **PRINT SUBSYSTEM DESPOOLING BACKPLANE**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

5            Provided are a print subsystem despooling backplane and a  
method for managing print jobs using a print subsystem despooling  
backplane. The method comprises: accepting a print job at a print  
subsystem despooling backplane input interface; calling a despooling  
backplane plugin; converting the print job into an internal representation  
10 (IR) document that is typically independent of a printer device target and  
the language format associated with a printer device target; processing  
the IR document in response to a plugin; converting the processed IR  
document into a processed print job; and, supplying the processed print  
job at a despooling backplane output interface. The called plugins can be  
15 user-selected plugins, predetermined plugins that are responsive to  
criterion such as printer driver, printer model, printer configuration,  
printer condition, user, administrative grouping, or document type, and  
plugins called from other (previously called or currently running) plugins.